

Incident Name: Pump Station 1 Booster Pump Piping Incident
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***** Media Advisory *****
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FAIRBANKS, Alaska—The Trans Alaska Pipeline System was shut down at **12:07 a.m.** for installation of a 157-foot bypass pipeline.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, which operates the line, estimates that the shutdown will last 36 hours as crews install the bypass. This installation will allow the pipeline to resume normal oil flow operations.

The pipeline flow was originally stopped the morning of Jan. 8 due to a leaking pipe at Pump Station 1 on Alaska's North Slope, 500 miles north of Fairbanks.

On Jan. 11, federal and state response authorities approved Alyeska's plan to resume limited pipeline flow under close monitoring pending the installation of the bypass pipeline.

Federal and state response authorities are working with the company to complete the bypass pipeline installation safely and as promptly as conditions allow.

For more information, see dec.alaska.gov/spar/ps1.

The Unified Command consists of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company